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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 164

The proposed amendment to Senate Bill No. 164 does the following:

1. Clarifies the responsibilities of the Department of Human Resources and the Office of Disability Services within the Department of Human Resources by: (1) providing that the Office of Disability Services is responsible for all of the provisions of chapter 426A of NRS concerning traumatic brain injuries; and (2) providing that the Department of Human Resources is solely responsible for the state personal assistance programs.
2. Codifies the existing Advisory Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons which makes recommendations and collects information concerning persons with disabilities which affect their ability to communicate, and provides that the Advisory Committee is in the Office of Disability Services.
3. Revises the provisions governing the program to provide devices for telecommunication to persons with impaired speech or hearing by: (1) clarifying that the surcharge which funds the program applies to wireless phone services; and (2) providing that the money collected from the surcharge must also be used to fund the deaf and hard of hearing centers operated by this state.
4. Removes the appropriation for the provision of legal aid to persons with disabilities.